



## **Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**

1400 South 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Bozeman, MT 59718

January 4, 2018

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The enclosed Decision Notice has been prepared for Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to acquire approximately 1.5 acres of land across the Madison River from the Milwaukee Fishing Access Site (FAS). The acquisition through a no-cost lease from Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is to provide a suitable primitive boat launch site and additional parking along the Madison River.

FWP received one (1) comment regarding the proposed action during the 30-day public comment period; this single comment supported the proposal.

Based on the Environmental Assessment, public comment, and FWP evaluation, it is my decision to proceed with the Preferred Alternative action as described in the Milwaukee Fishing Access Site Lease Acquisition and Improvement Project Draft Environmental Assessment. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to acquire approximately 1.5 acres of land across the Madison River from the Milwaukee Fishing Access Site (FAS) through a no-cost lease from Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) to provide a suitable boat launch site and additional parking along the Madison River.

Questions regarding this Decision Notice should be directed to:

Ray Heagney  
Fishing Access Site Manager  
1400 S 19<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Bozeman, MT 59718  
406-994-6987  
Or emailed to : [rheagney@mt.gov](mailto:rheagney@mt.gov)

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Deleray'. The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large loop at the end.

Mark Deleray  
Region Three Supervisor



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## **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DECISION NOTICE**

### **MILWAUKEE FISHING ACCESS SITE LEASE ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
Region Three, Bozeman  
January 4, 2018**

#### **Proposed Action**

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#### **Montana Environmental Policy Act**

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) to assess significant potential impacts of a proposed action to the human and physical environment. In compliance with MEPA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed for the proposed project by FWP and released for public comment on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Public comments on the proposed project were taken from November 6 through December 6, 2017. The EA was mailed to 58 groups and individuals.

#### **Summary of Public Comment**

FWP received one (1) comment regarding the proposed action; the single comment supported the proposal.

**Comments supporting the proposed project: one (1) total.**

#### **Example of Comment Statements Supporting the Proposal**

“This looks like a great way to solve the problem at the existing FAS boat ramp and without spending a lot of money.”

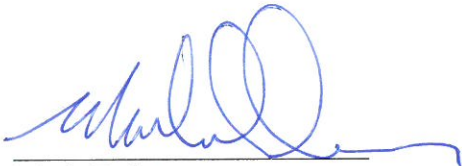
**No Comment opposing the proposed project.**

**Decision**

Based on the Environmental Assessment, public comment, and FWP evaluation, it is my decision to proceed with the Preferred Alternative action as described in the Milwaukee Fishing Access Site Lease Acquisition and Improvement Project

**Appeal**

This project is subject to appeal, which must be submitted to the FWP Director (Martha Williams, Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701) in writing and postmarked within 30 days of the date on this Decision Notice. The appeal must specifically describe the basis for the appeal, explain how the appellant has previously commented to the department or participated in the decision-making process, and lay out how FWP may address the concerns in the appeal. If you have questions regarding this Decision Notice, please contact Ray Heagney, Fishing Access Site Manager at 406-994-6987.



Mark Deleray  
Region Three Supervisor

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